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Fire hits skating rink

Blaze contained; business remains open

By Michelle Duell
Staff writer

With smoke smudges on her face, Debbie Dulaney of Caseyville looked tired. Since about 6 a.m. Friday, she and a crew of workers had been cleaning smoke and water damage caused by a fire at her business — the Funtown USA skating rink at 3967 Lake Drive in Pontoon Beach.

She said she had only been able to sleep three hours after the previous day's events. The fire, which broke out in the building's storage room about 3:50 p.m. Thursday while the business was closed, had sent her racing to the scene.

Two fire departments, the Long Lake Volunteer Department and the

Mitchell Volunteer Fire Department, were already there containing the flames when she arrived, she said. No one was injured and no one was in the building at the time the fire started, said Fire Chief Danny Kreher of the Long Lake department.

"It was started by an electrical cord going to a freezer," Kreher said. Firefighters were able to keep the blaze contained to the storage room, but damage was estimated to be \$40,000 to \$50,000 to the building, he said.

"A kid passing by noticed it and called the police," Dulaney said. "When I got here, firefighters wouldn't let you in. Smoke was coming from the vents on the side, and the front window, where firefighters entered the building, was broken."

The skating rink, carpets, roller skates and snack area were all fine, but the smell of smoke was strong. Dulaney was upset. "When you see your place on fire...you know," she said.

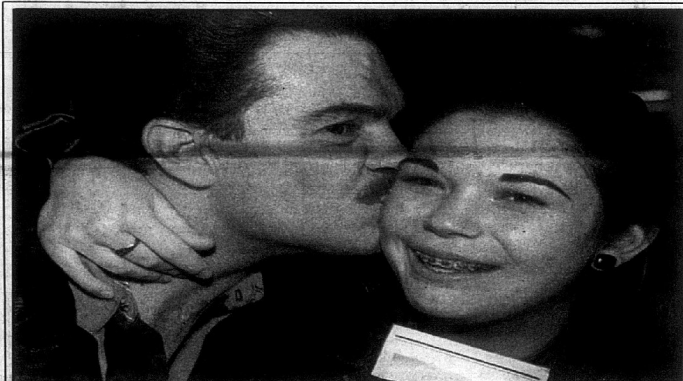
The building is insured, she added, but she didn't know how much damage had been done cost-wise.

Fortunately, she and her cleaning crew would be ready to open the rink at 5:30 p.m. for a skating party, she said. And the rink would remain open from 7 to 11 p.m. for open session.

"We'll be ready to go," she said. The rink is open to the public from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday nights and from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 11 p.m. on Saturdays. On Sundays, it's open to the public between 1:30 and 5 p.m. The rest of the time is scheduled for private parties.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)
George Nick and Jenny Riggs watch as firefighters cut holes in the roof of Funtown USA roller rink to vent the smoke built up in fire.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)
Gary Jessen gives daughter Crystal a kiss during their reunion at Lambert International Airport on Wednesday.

Reunion proves tearful, happy event

By Michelle Duell
Staff writer

As the Frontier jet flying in from Denver approached the boarding gate at Lambert-St. Louis International Airport Wednesday, Gary Jessen was there unfolding a colorful banner bearing the words, "Welcome home, Crystal."

For the first time since July 18, 1961, he would be seeing Crystal, his daughter, whose mother took her away at the age of 2. The plane landed. Jessen lifted the banner briefly over his eyes to hide his tears.

"Twelve people unboarded the plane. Suddenly, his mother exclaimed, 'There she is!'"

Crystal, now a 17-year-old, hesitated and looked around. Then she smiled, walked straight to her father and wrapped her arms tightly around him. They held each other, speechless at first, with tears flowing from their eyes. Then Jessen whispered in her ear,

kissing her again and again. The tears became sobs.

Jessen's father, Randall Cooper, stood back, snapping photographs of the reunion as the family quietly watched. This was Crystal's and Jessen's moment.

Several minutes later, they broke their embrace, and Jessen's mother, sister, father and niece approached to introduce themselves.

"I'm so happy," Crystal said. "I'm so glad I'm here."

For the last five months, Crystal had been supporting herself as a house maid at a motel and living in a nearby boarding house in Fort Collins, Colo. Her mother, Kimberly, had remarried and abandoned her, leaving her there to fend for herself. Crystal was forced to drop out of high school to earn a living. "I feel pretty good," Crystal said of her ordeal. "I'm shocked. I never thought this

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Bowler pushes for community policing

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Mayoral candidate Paul Ray Bowler last week discussed his plan to reduce crime in Granite City. "We are lucky in Granite City to have an outstanding police force of dedicated men and women," Bowler said. "But I believe we can have an even greater impact on crime if we initiate a community policing concept."

Community policing is based on neighborhoods and a primary characteristic is police officers assigned to specific areas and actually walking a beat. The officer gets to know the neighborhood and the people who live there.

(See BOWLER, Page 4A)

\$10,500 gift to help program

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

If you give a man a fish, you feed him for a day.

But if you teach him to fish, he'll never be hungry again.

That is the philosophy behind a renovation project at Protestant Welfare's Community Care Center, 1818 Cleveland Blvd.

Agency personnel have targeted a spacious but run-down room at the center for renovation. Once completed, the room would be used to teach classes such as nutrition, meal preparation, budgeting, resume preparation and job interview skills.

Last year, Protestant Welfare provided \$121,000 in food, clothing, diapers, baby formula, toiletries and household items to more than 2,000 needy families in the community.

"The need is always there — and growing," said Sue Wade. "There are increasing numbers coming for help. But if we can teach them some skills, they will be better prepared to help themselves."

The renovation project was moved to the front burner last week.

On Thursday, the agency was received Thursday from an anonymous donor.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)
From left, Jan Bush, Milburn Wright, Denise Wright and Loretta Cook of Protestant Welfare's Community Care Center stand in the middle of the agency's "dream room," targeted for renovation. Denise Wright is holding a check for \$10,500 that was received Thursday from an anonymous donor.

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THE VOICE BOX:

Do you think it's a form of child abuse to involve little girls in beauty competitions?

By SHIRLEY VALENCIA



Mike Collins, Granite City
"I think it would depend on the girl's age, maturity and her personal feelings of being in the competition. But, I personally think it is not (abuse)."



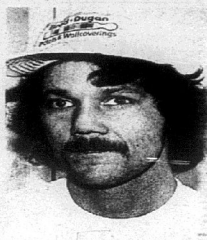
Laura McIlroy, Granite City
"It is a form of child abuse for very young children to be dressed and made up as adults."



Sandy Ronger, Granite City
"Well, I think it depends on what the child is comfortable with."



Dorothy Gavin, Granite City
"I think they are exploiting them and making them young women too soon. I don't like to see it."



Dennis Mannon, Granite City
"Yes! Real young girls, I think it is abuse. It puts too much stress on them and makes them grow up too soon."

End township government, man urges

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Frank Kubelka has had enough of paying property taxes. Kubelka, 77, of the 3300 block of Wilshire Drive, has proposed elimination of township government in Madison County.

"They provide unnecessary services. They have no assets. They produce nothing," said Kubelka, who retired from his job at A.O. Smith after 23 years. "We shouldn't have to pay for services we don't need."

Kubelka said services currently provided by townships can be provided more efficiently by the county or state.

"I can do my own property assessment, just like I (prepare) my own federal income tax (return)," Kubelka said.

"To own a home is a terrible thing these days. They come out and measure my house every two to four years. They've got no right to do that. I've been there 30-some years. Do they think I got pregnant?"

But township services aren't the only ones Kubelka has a problem with.

Looking at his tax bill, he asked why he was paying Social Security for "volunteer" firefighters, school teachers and levee district employees.

"Those people are getting Social Security for doing nothing," Kubelka said.

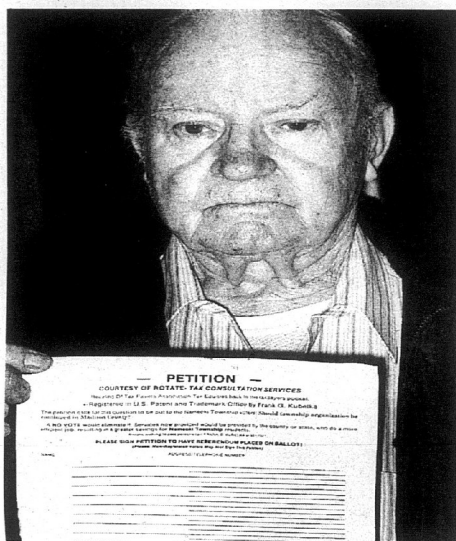
While he is not the first to have suggested that township government is inefficient and outdated, Kubelka is the first to have registered a name for his effort with the U.S. Patent Office.

His petition states: "COURTESY OF ROTATE TAX CONSULTATION SERVICES, Recycling Of Tax Payers Association Equities back to the taxpayers pocket."

The name Rotate is a registered trademark.

The petition calls for the following question to be put to voters in Nameoki Township: "Should township government be continued in Madison County?"

Anyone wishing to assist Kubelka in passing petitions should call him at 931-1321.



(Staff photo by BOB SLATE)
Nameoki Township resident Frank Kubelka displays a petition calling for an end to township government in Madison County.

Poetry contest deadline is Feb. 27

The Florida Literary Guild is sponsoring an amateur poetry contest, open free to everyone. There are 28 prizes in all, including a \$1,000 grand prize.

"This is the third poetry contest we have sponsored," says Robert Brown, the non-profit organization's director. "Poetry is the Cinderella of the Arts, and we think our contest will help to change that."

Poems may be written on any subject, using any style. The deadline for entering is Feb. 27. Winners will be notified by the last week of March.

To enter, send one poem 21 lines or less to: Florida Literary Guild, 3232 SW 35th Blvd., Suite 156, Post Office Box 147095, Gainesville, Fla. 32614-7035.

McGinnis won't get the death penalty

GREENVILLE — At the request of his victim's family, admitted murderer Kelly McGinnis will not face the death penalty.

The absence of death as an option means McGinnis' maximum sentence for shooting City Attorney Thomas Meyer Aug. 12 would be life in prison. But he told the court Thursday that he intends to seek a lighter sentence by showing how an unjust divorce settlement acted like "a force" on him, making him fire the shots.

The hearing lasted from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday at the Bond County Courthouse before Circuit Judge John L. DeLaurenti, who will decide McGinnis' fate at the conclusion of the hearing. The courtroom was jammed with onlookers, most of them family members or reporters.

Don Weber, McGinnis' court-appointed defense attorney, said he thinks his client should receive the minimum penalty, 20 years in prison.

"Under the new sentencing laws, which require serving the entire sentence, 20 years is like getting 40 (under the old laws) 10 years ago," Weber told reporters.

Prosecutors introduced their evidence Thursday, including testimony from three witnesses, letters written by McGinnis and the murder weapon, a long, black, pistol-grip style shotgun.

McGinnis, who has been held in jail since his arrest, was dressed in a light brown suit with brown wingtip shoes. He seemed disturbed at the sight of the weapon, tapping his chained feet repeatedly.

McGinnis claims to have shot Meyer twice outside the lawyer's office because of a belief that Meyer participated in a corrupt divorce court system.

nin's ex-wife, Kathleen McGinnis, in the couple's divorce trial, which ended about one year ago.

Kathleen McGinnis was awarded custody of the couple's two children over Kelly McGinnis' objection. McGinnis said he believes his own divorce attorney, Larry Lefevre of Vandalia, collaborated with Meyer to throw the trial in his wife's favor.

Kelly McGinnis was arrested Nov. 6 after 36 days on the run. He had entered Lefevre's office and shot the place up, but the lawyer was not at work, and no one was injured in the incident.

Also on Thursday, probation officer James Romack testified that McGinnis had incriminated himself in an interview for the pre-sentence report.

Romack said McGinnis admitted firing the fatal shots from the front seat of his green Ford Windstar minivan as Meyer approached the vehicle.

According to Romack, McGinnis said Meyer's last words upon seeing the shot gun were, "Oh my God, you're serious about this."

Romack testified that McGinnis said in the interview that he didn't want to fire the first shot but "a force came over him" and made him shoot.

According to testimony, McGinnis said Meyer fell to the ground in the alley after the first shot and crawled to the other side of the van. McGinnis then scooted across the driver's seat and fired a second shot directly at Meyer's heart.

McGinnis did not dispute any part of Romack's testimony. In fact, he told the court he did not object to the interview's use as evidence because "it represents the truth of what happened."

— From The Telegraph

Sobriety, recovery talk Tuesday

St. Elizabeth Medical Center's Behavioral Health System will present a talk at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, entitled "Benefits of Sobriety and Early Recovery."

Steve DeMere of the Behavioral Health System will discuss the stages of early recovery and how freedom from impaired thinking and dysfunctional behavior is a key component in recovery. This talk will be held in Paeal Hall at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City and is free and open to the public. Call the Resource Center at (618) 798-3888 to register, or for more information.

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Funding plan gets airing

By Michelle Duell
Staff writer

Sixteen Madison citizens were on hand Wednesday night at Madison Middle School to hear the superintendent of Madison Community Unit School District #2 present details of a plan to fund schools that would eliminate dependence on property taxes and draw from the state income tax.

The plan, sponsored by The Coalition for Fair School Funding, is supported by the Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers, the Illinois Education Association-NEA, the Illinois Federation of Teachers and the Illinois Statewide School Management Alliance.

It is one of many being brought before the state legislature by organizations and legislators who want to find another solution to funding the public schools.

Under the Fair School Funding Proposal, a minimum level of spending per pupil would be set and the burden of school funding would be shifted from local property taxes to state income tax revenues, Superintendent Gary Allison told the Madison citizens who attended the workshop.

This would result in the state paying 50 percent of the cost for education in the future compared with last year, when the state paid only 32 percent of funding for Illinois school districts, Allison said.

He presented a video tape that showed how badly schools in districts unable to draw from a large property tax base were suffering. One school was using antiquated equipment from the 1960s in its science department. Another was so short on space, the students ate lunch in the school gymnasium. And in Ina,

children attended school in a 75-year-old building.

The tape also showed school libraries that contained books so out-of-date that they were no longer accurate.

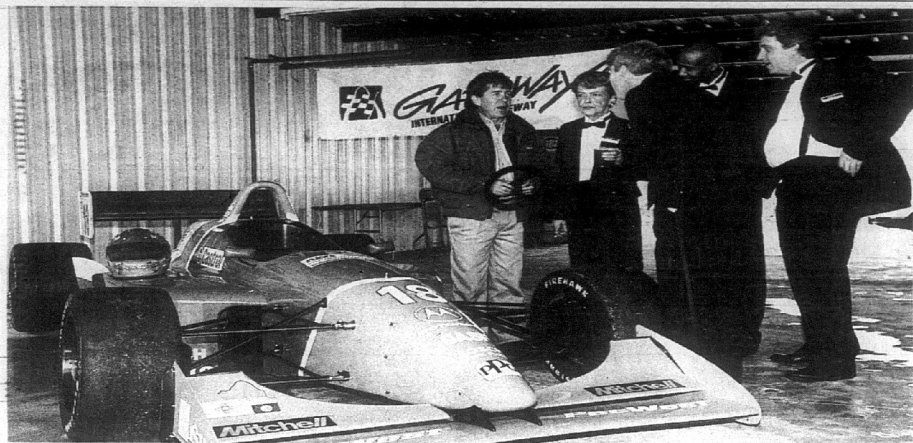
"Equity also is an issue with other schools," Allison said. "Students who attend low funded schools per student are expected to compete at universities with students whose schools spend thousands more per year per student. It isn't fair."

Under the coalition plan, school districts would be able to receive state aid determined by the use of one of two formulas. Districts would receive the greater of the two amounts.

The first formula uses the state's percentage increase in per capita income to adjust general state aid entitlements. The second calculation would determine the amount of state aid necessary to guarantee a district a "foundation level" of \$4,500 per student, provided that the district levies a property tax at a certain level (\$3 per \$100 of assessed valuation for unit districts, and \$1.50 for dual districts, not including the bond and interest rate).

The foundation level would be revised each year as educational needs change, according to the plan.

For districts using funds from the second formula, 40 percent of the property taxes above the minimum qualifying rate would be rebated. Allison urged the attendees to sign letters addressed to state Rep. Thomas Holbrook supporting legislation that would transfer the responsibility to fund public education from the local property tax to state income tax revenues. The school district is providing the letters.



Exciting — Robby Unser, right, speaks to the media about his excitement at the prospect of racing in the Motorola 300 PPG CART World Series/PPG Firestone Indy Lights Championship for PacWest Racing Group. A press conference held Thursday announced that Motorola will sponsor the event, which will be held May 22-24 at Gateway International Raceway and will be the first event of the 1.25-mile oval track's 1997 Triple Crown Season. Unser, 29, is the youngest son of racing great Bobby Unser. Above, PacWest Racing Group Team Manager Paul Harcus explains the workings of Robby Unser's Indy Lights car to the catering staff from the Hyatt Regency.



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Obituaries

Eithel Beeler

Eithel Beeler, 88, of Granite City died at 12:50 a.m. Friday, Feb. 21, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City following a two-week illness. She was born Dec. 28, 1908, in Scott County, Mo.

Mrs. Beeler, a homemaker, was a member of First Presbyterian Church, a member of the N. A. M. E. O. Club and D.A.R.



Survivors include one daughter, Marie Lowder of Granite City; one son, Ron Beeler of Granite City; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Emmett L. Beeler, who died in 1963, and her parents, Fred and Susie (Clark) Nelson.

Visitation will be from 4 - 8 p.m. today, Sunday, at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach. Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 24, at Werner Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Lewis Trotter officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to Organ Fund, First Presbyterian Church of Granite City, 2160 Delmar, Granite City.

Clyde Baker

Clyde M. "Home Run" Baker, 82, of Madison died at 3:40 p.m. Thursday, March 30, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He was born May 25, 1914, in Caledonia, Mo., and a Madison resident for the past 46 years.

Mr. Baker retired from SCA Corp. and Teamsters Local 525. He was a member of A.A.P., Venice Social Club and of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include one son, Ralph W. Baker of Granite City; one brother, Dwight Leo Baker of Jackson, Mo.; his sister, Margaret Lucille Baker of Tahlequah, Fla.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Wesley and Ada (Buxton) Baker; and three brothers, Gilbert, Virgil and Earl Baker.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. today, Sunday, at a Visitation Home, 21st and Cleveland, Granite City. Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 24, at Davis Funeral Home with the Rev. K. Bruce Rushing officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights.

Avalon Young

Avalon L. Young, 77, of Mitchell died at 4:50 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, 1997, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville following a two-month illness.

Bowler

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Bowler said community policing has been successful in other cities.

"The police officer interacts with everyone in their neighborhood and quickly learns who the troublemakers are or where potential problems may be lurking," Bowler said.

"Had this program been implemented, I am confident that the police officers would have recognized the suspicious activity of the child pornographers who preyed on our young children for their child pornography ring, as well as the drug dealers who were growing and manufacturing drugs to sell to our children," Bowler said.

Bowler also said he strongly supports the concept of residential cops for high crime neighborhoods. Under the program, the city would either purchase a house or utilize a home that the city owns as a result of delinquent taxes and repair the home. For a small monthly payment, an officer would be allowed to move in and purchase the home.

"Elgin, Ill., started this program years ago and it has been a resounding success," Bowler said. "According to the Feb. 15 Chicago Sun Times, Elgin has cut crime by 60 percent by having eight police officers living in those crime areas."

"If it works in Elgin, it can certainly work in Granite City." By using community development funds to rehab those homes, Bowler said, the city gets the additional benefit of the property taxes that are generated.

"We must take back our streets and our neighborhoods from those criminals who prey on our citizens," Bowler said. "This plan puts our manpower at the right place at the right time."

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by one son, Richard Jones; five brothers, Wilbur, Ebert, Wayne, Kenneth and Ralph Lisenbee; her parents, Louis Leon and Lola (Dixon) Lisenbee; and three grandsons.

Services were held Saturday, Feb. 22, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Steve Johnson officiating. Burial was at Lake View Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights.

Brianna Ryan

Brianna Lynn Marie Ryan, 1 month, of Madison died Saturday, Feb. 15, 1997, at her residence. She was born Jan. 4, 1997, in Granite City.

Survivors include her parents, Steven W. and Terri L. (Clevenger) Ryan; two brothers, Brandon and Matthew Ryan, both of Madison; one sister, Samantha Ryan; paternal grandfather, Terry Clevenger of Granite City; maternal grandmother, Patricia and Glen Lemp of Belleville; paternal grandparents, Glenn and Betty Ryan of Granite City; maternal grandparents, James Marsh Sr. of Granite City; and paternal great-grandmother, Dorothy Marie Brown of Granite City.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Daniel James Clevenger.

Services were held Tuesday at Full Gospel Fellowship Church, 4350 Shoshone Lake Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Ron Johnson officiating. Burial was in St. John Maryville Road Cemetery in Granite City.

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Lucy Vartanian

Lucy Vartanian, 86, of Granite City died at 10:34 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Hospital. She was born Nov. 8, 1910, in Granite City.

Mrs. Vartanian was employed by Granite City Trust and Savings as head of the loan department for 20 years. She was a member of Civil Service, Senior Citizens Club and the Armenian community.

Survivors include three sisters, Roxie Ennelan of Swansea, Victoria Whybrow of Santa Rosa, Calif., and Annette Simpkins of Granite City; nieces and nephews; great-nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Aranos and Blaz (Sedgarian) Vartanian.

Services were held Friday, Feb. 21, at St. Gregory Armenian Church, 1723 Maple, Granite City, with the Rev. Vartanian Kasabian officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

E. Chamberlain

Edna Faye (Inaley) Chamberlain, 86, of Madison died at 7:52 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, 1997, at her son's home in E. Alton. She was born Oct. 30, 1910, in Ft. Scott, Kan.

Visitation will be from 4 - 8 p.m. today, Sunday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City. Services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24, at Irwin's Maryville Road Chapel. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

C. McCollum

Charles J. McCollum, 81, of Granite City died at 10:24 a.m. Monday, Feb. 17, 1997, at his residence. He was born Sept. 24, 1915, in Fillmore.

Mr. McCollum retired in 1980 as vice president of H. Roberts Industries, formerly Champaign Co., a division of Borg-Warner Health Products. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church; member and elder of Nameoki Presbyterian Church; played high school basketball; participated in the debate and oratory clubs; was a 1938 graduate of Illinois College in Jacksonville; worked at Standard Steel Springs during the war and later taught for one year at

Webster school.

Survivors include one daughter, Pam McCollum of San Antonio, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary E. (Ozarks) General McCollum, whom he married Nov. 11, 1943, and who died July 6, 1986; and his parents, Charles Alvin and Isabella (Baumgartner) McCollum.

Services were Friday, Feb. 21, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Dr. Lewis Trotter officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

Vernon Winn

Vernon O. "Bill" Winn, 73, of Crocker, Mo., former of Granite City and Glen Carbon, died Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1997, at Lake of the Ozarks General Hospital. He was born Nov. 1, 1923, in Nianqua, Mo.

Mr. Winn was an over-the-road truck driver for Roadway Express for 22 years prior to his retirement. He had worked in law enforcement for the past 13 years as a policeman in Crocker, Richland and Iberia, Mo.; a Miller County Deputy; and a security guard at the Lodge of the Four Seasons. He was a member of the Major League Baseball Players Association, Order of Peace Officers, and a decorated World War II Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Rosa (Reisch) Winn, whom he married Sept. 22, 1947, in Harrison, Mo.; three daughters, Carolyn Barton of Haleyville, Ala.; four sons, Billy Winn of Crocker, Mo., Steve and Michael Winn, both of Glen Carbon, and Lee Winn of Granite City; one sister, Marge Ferris of Granite City; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Guy and Ruby (Covington) Winn; and one brother, Steve.

Services were held Saturday, Feb. 15, at Rikus Funeral Home in Iberia, Mo., with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Burial, with military honors, was in Bethany Cemetery near Crocker, Mo.

Jesse Provo

Jesse J. Provo, 86, of Granite City died at 5:25 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in St. Louis. He was born Oct. 22, 1910, in East St. Louis.

Mr. Provo was employed by Local Labor Union 100 of East St. Louis as a laborer. He was a member of American Legion Post 83 in Washington Park, where he served as past post commander.

Survivors include two sons, Barry Wayne of Florida and Don Provo of Jacksonville; one daughter, Mary Alice Futrell of Kentucky; four stepdaughters, Peggy Heard of Collinsville, Darlene Moore of Caseyville, Connie Cleary of Kentucky, and Linda Conley of Nebraska; one stepson, Phil Hardas of Fairmont City; one brother, Bob Provo of Granite City; one sister, Marie O'Dell of California; one half sister, Geneva Evans of O'Fallon; 30 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mae E. (Hardas) Provo, who died Feb. 8, 1987; his parents, John and Georgia (Thompson) Provo; one son, Jesse J. Provo Jr.; one stepdaughter, Barbara Kraus; two brothers, Fred and Victor Dunning; and three sisters, Kathleen Eickelman, Ruby Pyskys and Lillian Brown.

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2 charged in vending thefts

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

A Collinsville couple are believed to have stolen more than 100 vending machines in both Illinois and Missouri over a two-year period.

Ernest Spence Jr., 51, and his wife, Helen Grecko, 28, both of Collinsville, were arrested and charged with obstruction of justice by Fairview Heights police Feb. 14 after giving false information about their identities.

An employee at the Fairview Heights Drury Inn notified police that she had seen a man fitting Spence's description in the hotel. At 4:50 p.m. Feb. 14, police officers arrived at the hotel.

On Feb. 7, officers distributed a flier with Spence's photo to employees at the Drury Inn. The photo was obtained after Coca-Cola agreed to let Maryland Heights police set up a surveillance camera inside one of the machines at Drury Inn Westport, 1220 Dorsett Road. It was a machine, police said, Spence had robbed before. His photo was taken on Feb. 1 breaking into the machine, police reported.

"(Spence) indicates that he saw police officers in the parking lot (at the Fairview Heights Drury Inn) and became suspicious," said Fairview Heights Police Capt. Mike King.

King said Spence then went across Illinois to the Ramada Inn, where he was followed inside by plainclothes officers. Officers saw Spence hand over two bags to Grecko in the hotel. The couple left the hotel and were stopped on Illinois 150 without incident.

Spence claimed to be "Dennis Weaver" at the time of his arrest, said Maryland Heights

police detective Joe Della. Spence had a driver's license, credit cards, a voter registration and even a vehicle registration card to back up his claim, Della said.

"It was kind of hard to determine who he was at first," Della said. "Bond is set at \$100,000 for Spence and \$50,000 for Grecko. Both were being held at the St. Clair County Jail Friday."

A search of the couple's apartment in the 1100 block of Cherokee Street in Collinsville turned up burglary tools, keys and locking mechanisms, King said.

"(Spence) either picked the lock or had one made. He would also change the lock itself or just pull it right out of the machine," said Fairview Heights police detective Martin McCoy.

Spence is also being charged with possessing burglary tools by the Madison County state's attorney, while Maryland Heights police are charging Spence with theft over \$150, said King. The investigation is ongoing in St. Louis, King said.

The suspect is believed to have targeted machines near Lambert-St. Louis International Airport, Fairview Heights, Collinsville, Maryland Heights, St. Charles, and Fenton, Della said.

The Fairview Heights and Maryland Heights police departments have been working together on the thefts since December, King said.

Since April 1996, the Fairview Heights Drury Inn soda vending machine was hit on 16 different occasions, King said.

"It all went pretty quickly but we've got to have the citizens' cooperation," he said. "It's typical of the cooperation in this jurisdiction and its citizens."

Gift

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received a \$10,500 check from a donor who wished to remain anonymous.

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The debt on the building, which the agency purchased about five years ago, was about \$8,000. The new roof is expected to cost about \$5,000.

The roof is in desperate need of repair. On Thursday, buckets were placed at various locations throughout the building to catch drops from the ceiling. The agency has already incurred water damage to its food and clothing inventory because of the leaks, Wright said.

Other projects on the agency's wish list include installation of an elevator to make the center accessible to handicapped individuals, and tuck pointing and painting the outside of the building.

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Senior loses money to scam artist

ALTON — A senior citizen found out the hard way that two men claiming to be gas meter inspectors were really full of hot air.

Police Chief William Fitzgerald said the men claimed to be Union Electric inspectors to enter the 89-year-old victim's house in the 1100 block of West Ninth Street and distract him while they took his money.

Fitzgerald said one of the men took the victim to the basement about 11:30 a.m. to inspect the gas meter while the other thief ransacked the house. The upstairs thief took an undetermined amount of money by the time the victim came back upstairs.

The victim reportedly saw the man upstairs looking into a cabinet and yelled, and the two scammers left in a hurry. "Fortunately, we got a good description of the truck," Fitzgerald said.

The truck is described as a black Chevrolet with an extended cab and a bug guard on the front.

Fitzgerald said scams and other crimes against the elderly are a particular thorn in his side. "Anytime a senior citizen becomes a victim, it irritates me," he said. "They are really taking advantage of someone, and I don't take too kindly to it."

He said people can take precautions against such crimes. "That door is your safety factor, so don't let anybody in," he said.

Inspectors without uniforms should have identification, he said, and homeowners should call the utility they say they represent if there is any doubt.

Fitzgerald said callers should look up the number of the utility and not use a number offered by the person.

"If the suspect is not in uniform, ask to see ID, then go in and call that utility. Look the number up yourself."

— From The Telegraph

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Former deputy blasts James Ray case ruling

A former federal investigator blasted a Memphis judge's decision Thursday that may allow new tests on a rifle that allegedly killed the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"James Earl Ray pleaded guilty and admitted he used the high-powered 30.06 rifle to murder Dr. King in 1968," former Madison County Deputy Sheriff Conrad "Pete" Baetz said. "Ray is the confessed killer. It's a sham of the justice system to prolong the King assassination case."

Baetz and a team of federal investigators crosschecked the country in 1976-78 to investigate the King murder for a special House Select Committee on Assassinations.

"All of our evidence from the two-year investigation points to James Earl Ray as the triggerman who used the rifle to murder Rev. King."

Memphis Criminal Court Judge Joe Brown said after a hearing Thursday that new technology exists that could determine whether Ray's 30.06 Remington rifle killed King April 4, 1968.

Brown's decision must be reviewed by the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals before he can rule on Ray's request for a test of the weapon.

"Judge Brown is handing the case over to the same appeals court that has seven times turned down Ray's appeal for a trial," Baetz said.

Ray's brother, Jerry Ray, told The Telegraph in an interview last week that new tests of the 30.06 rifle would clear Ray, who was born in Alton in 1928.

"The tests will show that the bullet that

killed Dr. King was not fired from my brother's rifle," Ray said.

Jerry Ray joined King's widow, Coretta Scott King, in appealing to Brown for a trial for Ray.

"My brother is dying of liver disease," Ray said last week. "We want to clear his name for his hometown of Alton. We don't want him to go to his grave, to go into history as the assassin of Dr. King."

Ray, 68, pleaded guilty to the 1968 murder of King at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis and was sentenced to 99 years in prison.

On April 4, 1968, on the 25th anniversary of King's death, Ray told The Telegraph in an exclusive interview that he was coerced into admitting the killing.

"There are sealed government documents that prove my innocence," Ray said in the interview.

Baetz said there are no secret government documents to show that Ray is innocent of the killing.

Ray's fingerprints and palm print were found on the rifle he dropped outside the rooming house after he killed King," Baetz said.

"Our independent expert testified before the special committee that the metallurgical composition of the slug that killed Dr. King was identical to the composition of lead in the unfired bullets in Ray's rifle."

— From The Telegraph

Volunteers to help clean roads

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

St. Clair County's highways and roadways are going to be part of a massive housekeep-

ing effort by nearly 4,000 volunteers in April.

Before April arrives, however, the coordinators of Operation Bag-It are looking for more volunteers.

"We still need some more people," said Louis Tiemann, chairman of Proud Partners.

Proud Partners, in conjunction with St. Clair County and Beautiful, have coordinated the major effort of cleaning up nearly 368 miles of highway shoulders on Saturday, April 12.

From 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., volunteers will be departing from 20 staging areas along local highways in St. Clair County to collect tons of litter laying along the side of the

road.

Tiemann expects about 2,000 student volunteers and about 1,000 adult volunteers to take part in the program. In addition, about 1,000 Brownies and Cub Scouts will be taking to the smaller areas to clean up litter.

Those organizations who have taken part in the Adopt-A-Highway program have also volunteered to pick up their area on April 12, Tiemann said.

"Safety is our number one priority," Tiemann said. Law enforcement officials will be patrolling the areas where volunteers will be located, warning motorists to drive a little bit slower through the areas. All volunteers will be required to wear bright orange t-shirts, which will be provided, while picking up litter.

"By April 12, we want Operation Bag-It to be a household name," he said.

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Horoscope

Sunday, Feb. 23
With a solid Virgo moon and a Mercury, Venus, Jupiter and Uranus conversion in Aquarius, everyone is analyzing their lives and environment. In fact, it is the perfect time to reorganize your environment for increased efficiency. Relationships run beautifully if people can keep from criticizing others and turn that microscope inward. Real personal progress can't help but happen if you are self-aware.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Those new, healthier habits can add years to your life. A love relationship may be temporarily on hold. Strike out in a more positive direction. Don't let others keep you from examining your own progress.

TALUS (April 20-May 20)
The need to implement new policies with family has never been more important. Give up

what no longer works. Emphasize sincerity in all interpersonal relations. Do your best to understand a problem before tackling it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
A conflict of interests can be easily resolved when you are diplomatic. Low-pressure tactics are effective and easy to apply. Hidden information might not be what it seems. Avoid speculation, and wait until the truth is revealed.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
A release of some sort, mentally or emotionally, makes life blissful. Proper posture may be one of the best things you can do for your health. Your financial future will be as big as your dreams.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You're at your sexiest when you are fighting for a worthy cause. But even people saving the world should take breaks

sometimes. Remember, having fun is therapeutic. Pending financial issues are about to be settled.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 23)
It's a theatrical year ahead, with plenty of opportunities to shine. Brush up on a rarely used talent next month. A relationship that has fluctuated gets another chance in April. By June, fantastic prospects come along if you fully commit to making or breaking ties. A windfall in July happens when you sell something.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Your mind is open, and this makes you attractive. As one mystery of life is solved, another one reveals itself. Family and close friends are your wealth. Watch out for those with impure motives.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Use the proper amount of discipline with yourself and your

children. Inner voices are harshly critical but can be changed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
You stand out from the crowd, and you may be about to receive undreamed-of attention. You blaze a trail for colleagues. Others offer emotional support, but you may be reluctant to take it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Helpful information out into the open. You may be too absorbed with yourself to want to go out tonight. Others are insistent in asking for your help.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Make a special effort to show appreciation for friendly acts of kindness. When you understand the reasons behind your goals, you'll absolutely make them happen.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Emotional struggles lead

to clarity of communication. Acknowledge the past, and then resolve to transcend it. Family wounds can be healed when you are in your own energy and take dominion over your soul.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Know that your inner power will help you do your best with those who are dependent upon you. At one time, you were dependent on others. Now, you can now rise to meet any occasion.

Lewitzky dancers to appear

Belle Lewitzky will bring her dance company to Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville for a Wednesday, Feb. 26, performance as part of the Arts and Issues series, now in its 12th year on campus.

Lewitzky is considered to be a major force in the world of modern dance and is in the midst of a farewell world tour.

An influence on the dance world for more than five decades, Lewitzky launched her career with the famed Lester Horton, who also was a mentor to Alvin Ailey. In 1966 she formed her dance company. The performance is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in SUE's Communications Building theater.

Michael Mizerany, a former dance student at SIUE and a favorite of local audiences, recently joined the Lewitzky group and will appear in the concert. Mizerany, a former member of the Mid-America Dance Company and the Los Angeles-based Loretta Livingston and Dancers, appeared in several dance concerts and musical theater productions on campus during the mid-to-late-1980s.

"The excitement generated by the Lewitzky dancers is quite a treat for audiences," said Arts and Issues Coordinator Richard Walker, "and we are pleased to present the work of this extraordinary woman on our campus. We are also delighted to learn that Mike will be on this tour and I'm sure SIUE audiences will receive him warmly."

Often referred to as a living legend, Lewitzky was recently selected by President Clinton as recipient of the prestigious National Medal of Arts. The award is given to individuals and groups who, in the President's judgment, are deserving of special recognition by reason of their outstanding contributions to the excellence, growth, support and availability of arts in the U.S.

At the age of 50, Lewitzky founded her dance company, which has become one of the leading international, modern dance companies.

After more than 30 years, the company's versatility reflects Lewitzky's basic philosophy—that art is an on-going process, and that the only constant is change.

Tickets for the Feb. 26 dance concert are \$12; students of

any age, \$5. Any age student is eligible for the student discount; an ID is required of college/university students. Card-carrying SIUE Alumni Association members receive \$1 off each full-price, general admission ticket.

Admission includes free parking in the lot behind the Communications Building theater.

For information call the SIUE Union Station ticket office, 692-2320. Services are available for patrons with a hearing impairment by calling 692-3782. Wheelchair seating is also available on request.

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NEWS

Woodmen to honor volunteer

Modern Woodmen of America Camp 3791 of Granite City plans to honor Gladys Lamblich at a dinner meeting on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 5 p.m. at Ravanello's Restaurant's Large Room. Lamblich is being given the special honor in recognition of her leadership and involvement in the community. The event coincides with the fraternal life insurance society's Community Service Recognition Month. All Modern Woodmen members and their families are invited. For reservations, call Barbara Henderson at 345-9013 before Tuesday, Feb. 25. Modern Woodmen is a fraternal life insurance society with nearly 700,000 members nationwide.



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Gary Jensen holds a welcome sign up for his daughter, Crystal, prior to her arrival at Lambert International Airport. (Staff photos by JOHN FRESÉ)

•Reunion

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moment would happen. I love you, Dad."

"I was worried about you making it (here)," Jensen told her.

"I feel relieved."

The reunion was made possible after Crystal in January wrote her father asking to stay with him.

For 16 years he had sent her gifts and cards on special occasions, but everything was always returned.

Crystal did not know where her father lived. As she grew up, she was never allowed by her mother's parents or her mother to have his address.

She found her father after a 78-year-old woman, who owned the boarding house where she was staying, helped her find a lawyer to locate him.

"The lawyer actually had a difficult time finding Gary," his mother, Beth Cooper, said.

"Crystal and her mother and Gary were living in Godfrey when Crystal was taken away."

Eventually the lawyer did find her father's address, which enabled Crystal to contact him.

"We're going to make a new life, a new beginning," Jensen said. "I want to get her on a roll, get her a life back and get her in school and make things work for her."

"I love you sweetheart," Jensen told Crystal.

"You're my cashew," Crystal said.

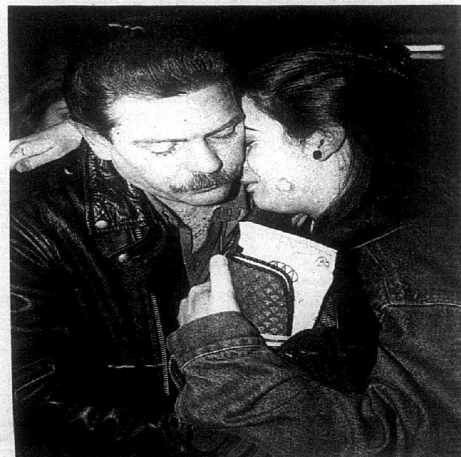
"I called her peanut on the telephone," Jensen explained, "and she calls me her cashew."

Crystal studied her father's face. "You look like you're 20," she said. "This is my dad! I feel old right now -- but you'll make me feel young again."

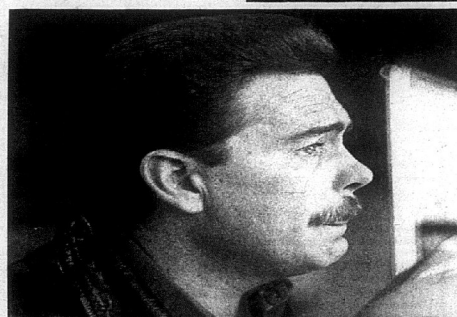
Jensen's sister, who had brought her husband and 2-year-old daughter, Holly, to the airport to meet Crystal, wiped her eyes.

"This has been long awaited for," she said. "It's a 16-year search that ended beautifully. It couldn't be any better."

"I'm just happy it's over," Jensen's mother said.



Above, Gary Jensen and daughter Crystal embrace for the first time in 16 years shortly after her arrival at the airport. At left, Jensen watches anxiously as Crystal's flight taxis to the jetway.



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NEWS

Vonnahmen takes board seat

GOP may pursue making chairmanship popularly elected

Frank Vonnahmen, the new Madison County Board member from District 6 in Godfrey, said the last time he took an oath for public service was during the Korean War as an Army dental officer.

Vonnahmen, 72, was sworn in Wednesday by County Clerk Debbie Saltsch as the Republican replacement for former board member Bill Aery, who was recently appointed county treasurer.

"Boy, I never met so many people in my life," Vonnahmen said. "I didn't know it would be me. I'm real happy about it. I hope to do a good job."

The appointment was approved by all other board members present, but some county Republicans said they were "disappointed."

Vonnahmen's appointment ends a game of political musical chairs that began with the resignation of U.S. Sen. Paul Simon. When Simon resigned, U.S. Rep. Dick Durbin, a Democrat,

ran successfully for his seat.

Durbin was replaced in the same election by Republican John Shimkus, the former Madison County treasurer. County Board chairman Rudy Papa appointed Aery to fill Shimkus' old job and Vonnahmen to fill Aery's old seat.

Vonnahmen served 20 years as a dentist in the Army and another 20 as a civilian dentist. His only previous brush with politics was a third-place finish in the Godfrey mayor's race in 1991.

Papa cited Vonnahmen's military record and honors while introducing him to the County Board. "I am sure he will serve his constituents well," he said.

Edward Ragsdale, chairman of the county Republican Central Committee, said he would rather have seen a different appointment. It was the second time Papa overlooked the GOP's choice.

County Republicans had united behind the deputy treasurer under Shimkus, Wes Tucker of Wood River, but Papa overlooked their recommendation in favor of Aery.

Likewise, Ragsdale said he had told Papa that Godfrey Township Supervisor Doug Mueller, a Republican, was his choice for the new board member.

"I'm disappointed, but I hope Dr. Vonnahmen will represent the people well and think about the taxpayers rather than the person that appointed him," he said.

Papa was obligated to appoint a Republican to the board seat but did not have to follow the wishes of the central committee. Ragsdale had anticipated the second snub and warned that Republicans may seek to force Papa to run on a countywide ballot as a county executive in a bipartisan race was not honored.

The County Board president is elected by the board. Ragsdale said attendees of a meeting of the Republican Central Committee Monday all agreed that the county executive proposal was worth pursuing.

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Start with your lawn spreader. Haul it out from its winter hibernating place and give it a good once-over. It may need a little oil here and there and some bolts may need tightening. Whenever you use oil on a spreader, though, make sure it's all cleaned off before putting the spreader into action. Oil and fertilizer products don't mix too well.

Another little item on the spreader that may need examining is the mechanism that regulates the amount of product flow. It can get balky at times, as can the entire spreader if it's neglected. Make sure the lever moves freely, and the opening is adjusting the way it's supposed to. The same's true with a hand-held spreader. It has far fewer moving parts, but it still needs to be checked.

Getting your spreader in tip-top condition now will pay off in a big way come spring.

Examine the garden hoses while you're at it. They may be pressed into service much earlier than the spreader if a nice, balmy, car-washing day presents itself. And Murphy's law always enters into the picture when hoses leak. Lay the hose down and the stream will be directly at your face, no matter where you stand or where the hose is. Just like the barbecue smoke, right? New hose connectors, or even new hoses, if necessary, will keep you happier.

That old reliable lawn mower is about to become your companion again for the next several months. Or is it reliable? Either way, give it a good once-over. Changing the oil and installing a new spark plug are two little items that can go a long way in keeping it running trouble-free. Disconnect the spark plug wire, turn the mower on its side and clean the

underside while you're at it. There may be all sorts of grassy crud stuck in there. On mulching mowers, all that stuff can hamper the mulching action.

It's a good idea to have the blade sharpened and balanced at the beginning of every season. If you lack the expertise to handle this, a lawn mower shop can take care of it.

Once the mower's all filled with new oil, cleaned and ready, start it up and make sure it's running okay. It may take a few extra tugs, since it's been sitting for a while. If the mower refuses to start, did you remember to replace the spark plug wire? Or, perhaps the safety lever on the handle (if so equipped) isn't being held in position.

Around The Yard
Once all the snow melts, your lawn may look like it's in dire need of de-thatching. But don't rush into it. You shouldn't de-thatch a lawn until it starts growing. And it'll start very soon.

Look at your bulbs. Any of them in open places such as western or southern sides of houses, walls and fences, often start growing by the end of February. If you see any of them sprouting, remove their protective mulches. If the bulbs are allowed to twist through the mulch, they may become spindly and deformed.

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Tuesday — Breakfast: Cereal, toast and jelly, banana; lunch: BBQ rib on bun, corn on the cob, sliced peaches.

Wednesday — Breakfast: waffles with syrup, blueberries; lunch: Chili, crackers, peanut butter sandwich, celery sticks, pear halves, oatmeal raisin cookies(2).

Thursday — Breakfast: cinnamon toast (2 slices), fresh orange wedges; lunch: Beef and bean taco, lettuce and cheese, Spanish rice, peas, slice of bread, mixed fruit.

Friday — Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, cup of cherries; lunch: Tuna salad sandwich with lettuce and tomato, green beans, pineapple chunks.

Madison Public Schools

Monday — Breakfast: Cereal, toast; lunch: BBQ ribs on bun, baked beans, pears, graham crackers.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Turnovers; lunch: Chili dogs, carrot and celery sticks, apple crisp, hard pretzels.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Donut; lunch: Pizza burger, oven fries, applesauce.

Thursday — Breakfast: Cereal, toast; lunch: Hamburger and gravy, potatoes, green beans, cake, bread.

Friday — Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls; lunch: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, crackers, mixed fruit, juice.

Venice Public Schools

Monday — Breakfast: Donuts; lunch: Breaded ravioli with sauce, spinach, pears, slice bread.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, grapes; lunch: Baked chicken, broccoli with cheese sauce, mashed potatoes, fruit, slice bread.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Banana nut muffin, slice banana; lunch: Lasagna, lettuce salad, green peas and carrots, fruit, slice bread.

Thursday — Breakfast: Pops, fruit cup; lunch: Chili, crackers, peanut butter sandwich, peaches.

Friday — Breakfast: Cereal, fruit; lunch: Lasagna, lettuce salad, jelly with fruit, slice bread.

Holy Family

Monday — Sloppy Joe on bun, sliced cheese and pickles, French fried potatoes, corn, peanut butter candy.

Tuesday — Spaghetti with meat sauce, cheese chunks, lettuce salad, bread, baked apples.

Wednesday — Taco with meat, cheese, lettuce, tomato and salsa, peanut butter sandwich, refried beans, pineapple.

Thursday — Meat and gravy over potatoes and rice, green beans, bread, blueberry cobbler.

Friday — Fish sandwich, pickles, slaw, macaroni and cheese, jelly with fruit.

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Retirement complex plan prompts worries

GLEN CARBON — Stormwater drainage, appearance and traffic were among the concerns voiced by 50 residents who attended a public hearing Tuesday about a proposed retirement complex at Miller Heights.

The 400-unit complex has been proposed by Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois for a 31-acre tract near Meridian Road and Illinois 157.

The village's Zoning Commission held the hearing at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Village Hall, 151 N. Main.

"On behalf of the Glen Hill subdivision, I would like to say we have some real serious questions," said Ron Slemmer, president of the subdivision, which is just south of the proposed site.

Slemmer and Richard Sharrard, president of the Glen Carbon Homeowners Association, spoke for most residents.

Many of their concerns were answered immediately by developers of the complex, which included representatives of the Lutheran group, Alton Charter Co. and engineers Flagg and Associates.

Sharrard and other residents said the area is commonly inundated by heavy stormwater flow during hard rain.

They said they were suspicious of the retirement center's plans for stormwater retention ponds, but representatives for the

developers said the ponds would control the problem.

Sharrard said homeowners are not trying to kill the project.

"We're not here to run you off. We want to work with you," he said.

Slemmer said he feared that the ponds would be too close to homes. He said he thought they may pose a risk to children.

Representatives for the developers said they were hesitant to enclose the ponds for aesthetic reasons but would not resist if the city wanted them enclosed.

Construction of the complex would take place in three stages over more than six years.

The design calls for apartments, patio homes, assisted living quarters, a skilled nursing home and professional offices. The total population would be about 500.

The apartment buildings would rise three stories high. The first level and stair towers would be brick, but the upper levels would be siding-covered frame.

The main street through the complex would be someday dedicated as a city street, but the rest of the complex's roads would be privately maintained. The first phase would have only one entrance off Meridian Road, but a connection to Illinois 157 would be built later.

— From The Telegraph

Milestones

Jeff Bridick celebrates his 30th birthday today, Feb. 23.

Beverly Lemp celebrates her 41st birthday today, Feb. 23.

James M. and Beverly Lemp celebrate their 23rd anniversary today, Feb. 23.

Carol Holten celebrates her birthday today, Feb. 23.

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Marcus Hendrickson will celebrate his 17th birthday Feb. 24.

Erica Tindall will celebrate her 19th birthday Feb. 24.

Clay Abbott will celebrate his 3rd birthday Feb. 24.

Jim Burns will celebrate his 44th birthday Feb. 24.

Charles Mueller will celebrate his 46th birthday Feb. 24.

Martha Dorris will celebrate her birthday Feb. 24.

Brandon Pulley will celebrate his 3rd birthday Feb. 24.

Ruthanne Koliste will celebrate her 16th birthday Feb. 25.

Nikolas R. Domitrovich will celebrate her 9th birthday Feb. 25.

Carl James Hosier will celebrate her 6th birthday Feb. 25.

Gladys Whitford will celebrate her 72nd birthday Feb. 25.

Grace Reynolds Ford celebrates her 30th birthday Feb. 26.

Barbara Green will celebrate her birthday Feb. 26.

Rose Schultz will celebrate her birthday Feb. 26.

Brandon Tipler will celebrate his 2nd birthday Feb. 26.

Megan Curtin will celebrate her 8th birthday Feb. 27.

Katie Victoria Harris will celebrate her 7th birthday Feb. 27.

Chris Kamacho will celebrate her 26th birthday Feb. 28.

Donnie and Gina Baumer will celebrate their 10th anni-

versary Feb. 28.

Naomi Redding will celebrate her birthday Feb. 28.

Bernita L. Harris will celebrate her 38th birthday Feb. 28.

Karen Tindall will celebrate her 43rd birthday Feb. 28.

Joey Robertson Karius will celebrate his 8th birthday Feb. 28.

Paul Cooper will celebrate his 79th birthday Feb. 28.

David Bailey will celebrate his birthday Feb. 28.

Jessica Suzanne Schubel will celebrate her 1st birthday Feb. 28.

Rosanna Gordon will celebrate her 17th birthday Feb. 28.

Brenda Schneidele will celebrate her 45th birthday Feb. 28.

Charlie "Hunk" Wiloughby will celebrate his 57 birthday Feb. 28.

Jerry and Kathy Tatum will celebrate their 11th anniversary March 1.

Jay Hamm will celebrate his 22nd birthday March 1.

Susan McGehee will celebrate her birthday March 1.

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Births

Capecechi

Gary and Debra Capecechi of Caseyville have announced the birth of their first child, a son, Kyle Anthony, was born at 8:22 a.m. Sept. 20, 1996, at St. John's Mercy Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 9 1/2 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Harold and Daisy Hoyman of Millstadt. Paternal grandparents are Gary and Beverly Capecechi of Belleville.

Douglas

Jamie Douglas of Godfrey, formerly of Granite City, has announced the birth of her son, Devin Blake, was born Sept. 27, 1996, at St. Anthony's Hospital in Alton. He weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Jerry and Diana Shobe of Godfrey. Paternal grandfather is Richard Douglas of Iuka, Ill.

Broadhurst

Priscilla Broadhurst of Granite City has announced the birth of her daughter, Samantha Lynn, was born at 7:49 p.m. Sept. 27, 1996, at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center. She weighed 6 pounds. Maternal grandparents are George and John Klotz of Grab Orchard, Ill. Paternal grandmother is Kathryn Bell of Belleville.

Maternal grandmother is Ruth Broadhurst of Granite City.

Bell

Richard and Becky Bell of Belleville have announced the birth of their second child, a son, Grant Thomas, was born Sept. 27, 1996, at St. Luke's Hospital in St. Louis. He weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces, and joins a sister, Kaley Elizabeth, 18 months. Maternal grandparents are George and John Klotz of Grab Orchard, Ill. Paternal grandmother is Kathryn Bell of Belleville.

Cable

Cynthia Cable of Granite City has announced the birth of her third child, a daughter, Kirstie Lee, was born at 12:48 p.m. Sept. 27, 1996, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. She weighed 5 pounds, 11 ounces, and joins a sister, Kyrstal Jean, and a brother, Robert Wesley.

Dunnivant

Lisa Marie Dunnivant of Granite City has announced the birth of her daughter, Ashley Marie, was born Sept. 28, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Paternal grandparents are William and Margaret Turner of Granite City.

Helton

James and Dorothy Helton of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a daughter, April Leann, was born at 6:43 a.m. Sept. 28, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces, and joins a sister, Valerie, 5.

Maternal grandparents are Jim and Margaret Turner of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are the late William and Thelma Helton of Granite City.

Jakich

William and Karen Jakich of Granite City have announced the birth of their third child, a daughter, Catherine Marie, was born at 6:54 a.m. Sept. 29, 1996, at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Granite City. She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and joins sisters Erika Anne, 17, and Elizabeth Nicole, 2. Maternal grandparents are June Hanley and Ray Musselman of Atlenew, Pa. Paternal grandparents are Wil-

liam and Esther Jakich of Granite City.

Carr

David and Michelle Carr of O'Fallon have announced the birth of twins, Emily Jeanette and Maggie Ann, were born Sept. 30, 1996, at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis.

Emily Jeanette was born at 4:21 a.m. and weighed 5 pounds, 9 ounces. Maggie Ann was born at 4:38 a.m. and weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces. They join sisters Katie Elizabeth and Megan Rose, 2.

Maternal grandparents are Dwan and Rachel Gullett of Collinsville. Paternal grandmother is Jeanette Carr of O'Fallon.

Stephens

Jana and Charles Stephens IV of O'Fallon have announced the birth of their second child, a son, Ryan Michael, was born at 10:07 a.m. Sept. 30, 1996, at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis. He weighed 9 pounds, 13 ounces, and joins a brother, Chaz. Maternal grandparents are Leon and Louis Copelin of O'Fallon. Paternal grandmother is Janet Stephens of St. Louis.

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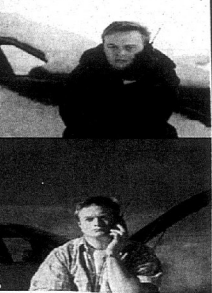
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Athlete of the Week

Girls postseason results:
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Patrick Heston

Innovative combos may help hectic prep coverage

I have a problem with overlap — where my stomach legs over my belt but the more subtle type of overlap.

The type where high school sports overlap. Wrestling and basketball are overlapping right now. Wrestling team regionals and individual sectionals ran the same week as class A girls basketball regionals and the same week as some key boys rivalries, such as Lincoln and East St. Louis.

This past week, the boys Class A basketball teams concluded their regular season, while the Class A girls basketball sectional action and the AA girls started regional play. And, if that's not enough, the individual wrestling state tournament was this weekend.

This week it only gets worse. Class A girls play their super-sectional round on Tuesday, the same night the IHSA wrestling dual team sectionals are being held. In addition, Class A girls basketball is into sectionals, Class A boys basketball is into regionals, and Class AA boys are ending their regular season.

It gets worse. But you get the point.

My problem with overlap is that I am expected to cover all these events. I'll admit it feels good when your boss conspires of you as a god-like creature with superhuman abilities, possessing that well-known trait of all omnipresent deity, being in more than one place at the same time. Still, God does have a major advantage over me. He's not dependent on a 12-year-old Ford station wagon. But, of course, with the pay I get, I do feel like God must when the weekly church offering is received.

I've thought long and hard about this overlap dilemma and think I have found the solution in the old Miller Lite beer commercials.

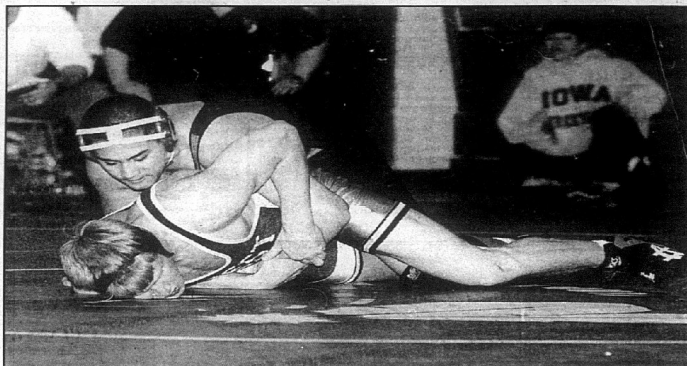
I don't drink, but I do remember the beer companies' commercials. (Strangely, I do bathe, but I don't remember soap commercials.) Remember the Miller Lite commercials where there was a debate over which show on television would be watched? The argument was solved by simply pounding the top of the television with the beer bottle. Voila! The two shows were combined into one new, though strangely bizarre sport.

That's it! There are several times in my life I've thought of thumping the IHSA with a beer bottle. Here's my chance to kill two birds with one stone. I call for the creation of a new sport: wrestleball.

Think of the possibilities! They are endless. Don't think you can stop Edwardsville's Jim Dougherty's three-pointers? Not to worry. Every time he shoots one, just have his defender throw him to the floor for a two-point take down. If your defender can then jump on top of him and at least secure a near fall, he'll get three more points. Not many guys will keep shooting three-pointers if every time they get three points the defender gets five.

Of course, a competitive guy like Dougherty may fight back. This opens the door for escapes, reversals, and maybe even an illegal body slam or

(See HESTON, Page 4B)



Granite City's George Kirgan (top) battles Belleville West's Keith Otten. The 171-pounders will meet against Tuesday at GCHS.

Nicklaus-designed Stonewolf golf course open for business

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

Stonewolf is open for business — and it's everything golfers hoped it would be. The course, part of the Stonewolf Golf and Residential Community in Fairview Heights (three-quarters of a mile north of St. Clair Square off Illinois 159), was designed by Jack Nicklaus. Nine holes opened last September, with the other nine holes opening a month later.

"The community will have roughly 170 houses and condominiums, and the model homes are already open," said Dan Polites, director of instruction for Stonewolf. "It's a really fantastic layout. Jack Nicklaus was impressed. This is one of the best courses in the St. Louis area, if not the Midwest. It's only the fourth public golf course Jack Nicklaus has designed. His courses are usually at resorts or private clubs."

The Stonewolf management team — majority owner Jack Wolfner, head pro Wayne Okowic, superintendent Scott Reynolds and general manager Jim Collins — is doing its best to make sure the course is more than a local

sensation.

"It will draw from all over the Midwest," said Polites, owner of DP Golf Center in O'Fallon. "With a location close to St. Louis and hotels nearby in Fairview Heights, it should be a golf vacation destination."

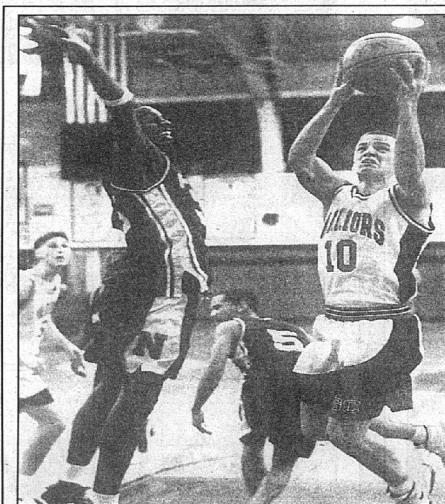
"It's a treat for people to be able to play on a Nicklaus-designed course. He's a hands-on man — he knows what's going on at Stonewolf. He's already been there three times to my knowledge."

Polites believes golfers will enjoy the challenge of playing Stonewolf. "I like the hole layout — it has an awful lot of undulation," he said. "It's a fair golf course, but you've got to play some smart shots. The greens are elevated and narrow, but they're deep in length. It also has difficult bunkers, which I like."

"There's really not a weak hole on the course. There will be some fun arguments over which is the best hole or which has the most spectacular layout or the most beauty."

The official grand opening for Stonewolf will be in April or May, with the clubhouse set to open in March.

(See STONEWOLF, Page 3B)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Granite City's Mike Ahlvers (10) heads for the hoop.

GCHS loses heartbreaker to East Side

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

"We made mistakes and we didn't make free throws. That was the game. You can't beat a good team like that."

With those words, John van Buskirk cut right to the heart of his Granite City Warriors' 59-58 loss to visiting East St. Louis Senior Friday night.

GCHS hit only five of 12 free throws on the night and turned the ball over 15 times, including four of five trips down court late in the fourth quarter. Those late turnovers turned a 51-48 Warriors' lead into a 56-54 Flyers' advantage in a span of only 3:29. East Side never relinquished the lead.

The squads played to an 8-8 tie in an error-plagued first quarter. But Granite City steadied themselves in the second quarter and quickly built a 13-8 lead. The margin stayed between five and seven points all the way to halftime. GCHS led at intermission 26-21.

The Warriors went quickly ahead 28-21 early in the third quarter. But Darrin Jones' 3-pointer ignited a 15-6 run by the Flyers over the next 2:30 and East Side moved in front 36-34. They were still up, 44-43, after intermission 26-21.

(See LOSS, Page 4B)

Warriors favored in team sectional

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Granite City will host the IHSA wrestling dual team sectional on Tuesday.

"The worm has turned," said GCHS coach Mike Garland. "We are now the favorites."

The Warriors assumed that role with an upset of Bethalto Civic Memorial in the regional team finals on Feb. 11.

Granite is joined by three other regional champions: Belleville West, Mount Carmel and Quincy.

Belleville West coach Steve Garland, Mike's younger brother, has his squad at 16-6 in dual meets this year. The Maroons have five players with 20 or more victories who are the heart and soul of the team.

Jesse Caraway (152 pounds)

and Jeremy Klotz (125 pounds) were both eliminated early in the recently completed individual sectional held at Granite City. Matt Schewe, who lost to eventual 145-pound champion Sam Smith in the sectional semifinals, missed a state appearance by only one point in the consolation finals.

Keith Otten, West's 171-pounder, was handled easily by Granite's George Kirgan in the sectional semifinals. And sectional favorite D.J. Bertelsman was pinned by Springfield's A.J. Akers in the championship match at 275 pounds. Bertelsman is a returning state qualifier and the all-time pin leader in Maroons history.

"We're wrestling the best we have all year," said Garland. "Our trouble is that we don't match up very well against Granite City. Our five key

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Madison's Maurice Baker puts on a move.

Baker is 'positive force' for Madison

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Maurice Baker is an engaging high school junior with a soft-spoken manner, a delightful personality and a generous smile. But don't be fooled. Underneath that tender exterior is one of the toughest basketball players in the state. Baker, a 6-0 floor general for the Madison Trojans, is the Illinois Journal's Cardinal Club Athlete of the Week.

On a team dominated by seniors, Baker emerged early on as the key figure, the leader both statistically and inspirationally. He plays free of panic and with high intensity. His teammates want him on the floor.

"The team is so secure when he is in the game," Madison coach Al Collins said. "With Maurice in the game, everyone is relaxed. Everyone knows he

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will do something to help them win — a shot, a pass, a rebound, a steal. The team plays with confidence when he is on the court. He is a positive force."

Baker is an intimidating defender with lightning-quick reflexes.

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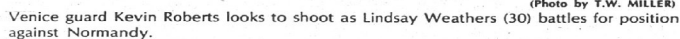
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CLASS AA GIRLS
Belleville East Sectional
Monday, Feb. 17
 Game 1: Taylorville (1), bye
 Game 2: Civic Memorial 44, Col
 linsville 26
 Game 3: East St. Louis Lincoln 57
 39
 Game 4: Edwardsville 86, Cahokia
 39
Tuesday, Feb. 18
 Game 5: Belleville East 81, Gran
 ite City 87
 Game 6: Belleville West 54, Chat
 ham Glenwood 44
 Game 7: Jerseyville 63, East St.
 Louis Lincoln 43
 Game 8: O'Fallon 58, Jacksonville
 43
Thursday, Feb. 20
 Game 9: Taylorville 70, Civic
 Memorial 45
 Game 10: East St. Louis Lincoln
 85, Edwardsville 49
 Game 11: Belleville East 44, Bel
 leville West 26
 Game 12: Jerseyville 37, O'Fallon
 34
Monday, Feb. 24
 at Belleville East High School
 Game 13: Taylorville vs. East St.
 Louis Lincoln, 6 p.m.
 Game 14: Belleville East vs. Jer
 seyville, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 27
 Title: O'Fallon 13 winner vs. Game
 14 winner, 7:30 p.m.
Mt. Vernon Sectional
Monday, Feb.

Championship: Game 1: winner vs. Game 2: winner, 7:30 p.m.

Charleston Super-Sectional
Monday, March 11
Olney East Richland Sectional winner vs. Vandallia Sectional winner, 7:30 p.m.

Columbia Regional
Monday, Feb. 24
Game 1: Red Bull vs. New Athens, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 25
Game 2: Columbia vs. Marlissa, 6 p.m.
Game 3: Sparta vs. Valmeiry, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 26
Game 1: Gibault vs. Winner Game 1, 7:30 p.m.
Game 5: Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 29
Title: Winner Game 4 vs. Winner Game 5, 7:30 p.m.

Nashville Sectional
Tuesday, March 4
Game 1: Woodstock Regional winner vs. Carlyle Regional winner, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5
Game 2: Campbell Hill Trico Regional winner vs. Columbia Regional winner, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 7
Championship: Game 1: winner vs. Game 2: winner, 7:30 p.m.

Carbondale Super-Sectional
Tuesday, March 11
Eldorado Sectional winner vs. Nashville Sectional winner, 7:30 p.m.

State tournament
Wednesday, March 14
At Carver Arena, Peoria Civic Center
Game 1: Dekalb Super-Sectional winner vs. Mobile Super-Sectional winner, 12:15 p.m.
Game 2: Charleston Super-Sectional winner vs. Normal Super-Sectional winner, 1:45 p.m.
Game 3: Rock Island Super-Sectional winner vs. Milwaukee Super-Sectional winner, 6:45 p.m.
Game 4: Decatur Super-Sectional winner vs. Peoria Super-Sectional winner, 8:15 p.m.

Saturday, March 15
Game 1: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2, 11:15 a.m.
Game 4: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 12:45 p.m.

Third place: Game 1 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 6:45 p.m.

State championship: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 8:15 p.m.

Game 1: Paris (1), bye
Game 2: Carbondale 61, Mascoutah 59 (OT)
Game 3: Centralia 65, Waterloo 13
Game 4: Salem 77, Triad 47

Tuesday, Feb. 18
Game 5: Mt. Vernon 66, Marion 31
Game 6: Charleston 49, Effingham 48
Game 7: Mattoon 70, Mt. Carmel 45
Game 8: Highland 59, Murphysboro 44

Thursday, Feb. 20
Game 9: Paris 80, Carbondale 53
Game 10: Centralia 37, Salem 50
Game 11: Mt. Vernon 65, Charleston 50
Game 12: Highland 80, Mattoon 55

Monday, Feb. 24
at Mt. Vernon High School
Game 13: Paris vs. Centralia, 6 p.m.
Game 14: Mt. Vernon vs. Highland, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 27
Title: Game 13 winner vs. Game 14 winner, 7:30 p.m.

Salem Super-sectional
Monday, March 3
Belleville East Sectional winner vs. Mt. Vernon Sectional winner, 7:30

State tournament
Friday, March 7
at Redbird Arena
Game 15: Jacksonville Sectional

winner vs. New Lenox Lincoln-W.
Super-Sectional winner, 12:15 p.m.
Game 2: Aurora East Super-Sectional winner vs. Salem Super-Sectional winner, 1:45 p.m.
Game 3: Chicago Public League winner vs. Summit Argo Super-Sectional winner, 6:30 p.m.
Game 4: Lincoln Super-Sectional winner vs. Skokie Niles West Super-Sectional winner, 8:15 p.m.
Saturday, March 8
Game 5: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 11 a.m.
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 12:45 p.m.
Third Place: Game 1 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 6:30 p.m.
State Championship: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 8:15 p.m.

CLASS A GIRLS
Alhoff Regional
Monday, Feb. 10
Game 1: Chester 71, Campbell Hill 17
Game 2: Gibault 60, Freeburg 45
Wednesday, Feb. 12
Game 3: Alhoff 47, Freeburg 46
Game 4: Gibault 49, Freeburg 46
Friday, Feb. 14
Title: Alhoff 58, Gibault 43

Du Quoin Sectional
Monday, Feb. 17
Game 1: Wes Frankfort 56, Alhoff 45
Game 2: Carlyle 58, Okawville 44
Thursday, Feb. 20
Championship: Carlyle 62, Wes Frankfort 45

<p>FGA includes all field goal attempts, including 3-point attempts. Per-game averages listed on rebounds, steals and assists.</p>												
<p>GP GRANITE CITY BOYS BASKETBALL 1996-97 (9-9)</p>												
	GP	FGA	FG%	3 PT	3PT%	F.T.A.	F.T.%	TR	Av.	Reb.	Ass.	St.
D. Brewer	18	166	33.0	0	0.0	114	64.9	174	9.7	2.4	1.6	0.2
R. Turck	15	21-62	50.0	0	0.0	8-18	44.4	33	3.3	2.5	0.7	0.2
B. Smith	18	10-25	40.0	0	0.0	10-15	66.7	39	2.2	2.2	0.6	0.2
K. Briggs	16	62-135	45.9	32-104	30.8	79-77	79.7	234	14.6	23.3	3.8	1.7
J. Smith	18	10-25	40.0	0	0.0	10-15	66.7	39	2.2	2.2	0.6	0.2
J. Hoening	18	29-50	48.0	0	0.0	11-18	57.9	89	4.9	2.4	1.2	0.3
M. Alvares	18	14-63	22.4	5-14	21.4	16-25	64.0	67	2.8	2.8	1.3	0.4
J. May	18	12-23	52.2	0	0.0	6-12	50.0	34	1.9	1.9	0.6	0.2
Totals	138	388-966	44.8	62-210	30.0	194-300	64.7	1023	7.4	28.8	14.1	6.0

Basketball

Granite City Park District
Tuesday League

Electric Mud Puppies.....	7
Face Tru Value.....	5
Yard.....	5
Kramden's.....	5
Jacobsmeyers.....	4
Cosa Nostra.....	3
McKinley Iron.....	1
Harvest Assembly.....	0

Wednesday League

Chit Daddies	4
Purplemen	3
Commercial Telephone	0
Thursday League	
Bindy's II	5
Knights of Columbus	4
Burns Liquor	4
Bindy's	3
Ernie & Annie's	2
Jacobsmeyers	2
Running Rebels	1
Scores	
Burn's Liquor 57, Bindy's 55	
Knights of Columbus 81, Running Rebels 43	
Jacobsmeyers 54, Bindy's II 51	

SPORTS

Sports shorts

Youth soccer league
The Gateway East Illinois Youth Soccer League will be accepting applications for the spring season for boys and girls teams U-10 to U-14. For information, call Tom Posenaki at 656-8854 or E-mail SOC-CER 1941@AOL.COM.

Mitchell registration
The Mitchell Athletic Club is taking team registration for its summer recreational league (non-select) in baseball, softball and T-ball.
Boys and girls ages 4-19 are eligible. For more information, call Dave at 931-3690.

Park league sign-ups
The Granite City Park District is now taking registration for boys and girls wanting to play youth baseball, tee-ball or ponyball softball this summer.

The sign-ups are for boys and girls who would like to play in the 1997 summer park leagues but are not currently on a park district team or have never played in the park district leagues.

Boys and girls who will be ages 6-16 may have their name placed on the list. Every effort will be made to place them on a team.

Boys and girls tee-ball is for ages 6-7, youth baseball is for ages 8-16 and ponyball softball is for ages 8-16.
New teams are formed from the compiled list. Names on the

list are also used by managers of existing teams that need to fill their rosters.
Anyone interested in coaching or managing a youth baseball, tee-ball or ponyball softball team may visit the Wilson Park office or call recreation supervisor Ray Hoffman at 877-3069.

"RJ" Krause All-Stars
The "RJ" Krause All-Stars Sports Club of East St. Louis is seeking basketball games and tournaments for boys and girls teams in grades 3-10. The club also needs sports equipment, uniforms, cheerleading outfits, used basketball shoes, sports magazines, books, games or trading cards. For more information, call Krause at 398-1201.

Softball tournament
The St. Louis Girls Fastpitch Spring Softball Tournament will be held April 18-20 by the Creve Coeur (Mo.) Athletic Association. There is a 4-game guarantee.

The entry fee for age groups 10-18 is \$150. For more information, call Mike at (314) 532-3218 or John at (314) 527-6604.

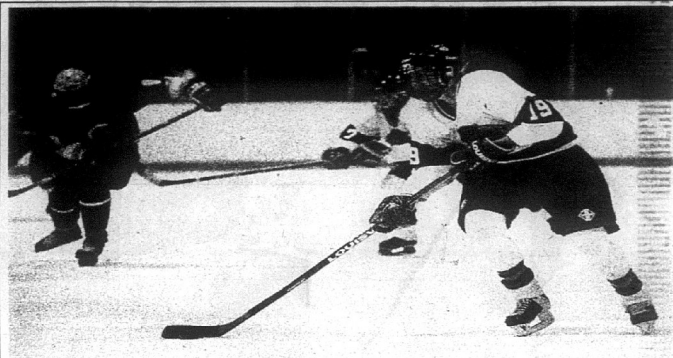
Donkey Basketball
The GCIS Varsity Club will hold its annual Donkey Basketball game 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26 at Memorial Gymnasium. Tickets are \$3 in advance

and \$4 at the door. Tickets may be purchased through the high school office. The Student Council will face the Varsity Club in the first game. The Faculty will meet the Police in the second game, and the two winners will meet in the third game.
The first 100 youths in attendance will receive a free donkey ride.

St. Louis Eagles
The national champion St. Louis Eagles begin their 10th season in 1997. They will have open tryouts on March 18-19 at the Webster University Gymnasium for its boys 15-, 16-, and 17-and-under teams. For additional information, call Rich Gray at (314) 831-5178 or Vince Estrada at (314) 773-7455.

Adult Softball Leagues
The Catholic Youth Council is forming adult slow pitch softball leagues. Leagues are available for COED, men and women's teams. The 12 game season begins the week of April 20, 1997. For more information or an application, please call the CYC office at 371-0106.

AAU tryouts
The Gateway Basketball Club will be having AAU tryouts for boys ages 10-17. If anyone is interested, please call one of the following: David Peeters (H) at (314) 428-2869, (W) at (314) 692-1212, (CAR) at (314) 623-1641, or Scott Slocum at (314) 390-2131.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESSE)

Passing fancy — Granite City's John Burns prepares to pass the puck to a teammate. The Warriors' season ended with a first-round playoff loss to Summit.

New course to open near Waterloo

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

Bill Ebeler's dream of a lifetime is about to become a reality.

Ebeler is owner, designer and builder of The Acorns, an 18-hole, 6,800-yard public golf course located 2 1/2 miles south of Waterloo. The course is tentatively scheduled to open in August.

"The property used to be a farm and it's 130 acres of coarse topography," said Ebeler, owner of Omega Products in Waterloo. "It lends itself well to golf — the course terrain is really nice to see. We were environmentally sensitive when we built."

Designing a golf course is something new for Ebeler, who

began the project more than two years ago.

"The course itself is being built to UGSA (United States Golf Association) standards and we're also building a 7,000-square-foot clubhouse," Ebeler said. "We'll have 14 holes with water."

"My background is in design and engineering — I like to create things. I always wanted to design a golf course. I looked at several opportunities over the past 15 years, but until this came along, either the ground wasn't right or the money wasn't right."

There's still a lot of work to be done on the course, but with Ebeler as a tour guide, it's easy to imagine The Acorns as a finished product.

"When you're building a golf

course, it's basically art, even though there's some engineering behind it," Ebeler said. "You have a unique opportunity to work with Mother Nature. That's why we're involved with becoming an Audubon cooperative sanctuary (through the Audubon Society). The main goal of the program is to bring people, plants and wildlife together."

In building the course, Ebeler tried to keep as many trees as possible. Of the trees that were cut down, more than 8,000 board feet were milled for use in construction of the clubhouse.

"When you get down to it, golf courses and parks are the only green areas left in most developed communities," Ebeler said.

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Stonewolf

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"A lot depends on the weather and the finalization of the clubhouse, but a big factor is Klaus' schedule," Polites said.

Since 1989, more than 20 golf courses have opened in the St. Louis area.

"As a golf pro, I'm amazed not only by the number of new courses, but their quality," Polites said.

A few years ago, everyone

talked about the Missouri side, but we have some great facilities in Illinois, like Spencer T. (Olin) in Alton, Annabier in Waterloo, Governors Run in Carlyle and The Acorns, which is getting ready to open in Waterloo.

Another course scheduled to open this summer is Champions Trail, located just east of Stonewolf off Old Collinsville Road. The 27-hole course, which will also be part of a residential community, was designed by Kye Gooley, son of veteran pro golfer Bob Gooley.

by Belleville.

Stone Bridge, located off West Main Street near Maryville, will open nine holes set to open in 1998. The course will fall with another nine holes set to open in 1998. The course will be the new Stone Bridge subdivision.

A recent addition to the Metro East golf scene is The Pines, an 18-hole course near Cahokia which opened last May. Dick Gundlach was the designer.

Heston

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Two. Why, one trip down the floor could earn a team eight or nine points.

It would add additional strategy and exciting moments since players would not be limited to contending with opponents in their own weight class. Ray Smith (6-4, 185 pounds) of Granite City could pounce on Madison's 5-6, 160-pound David Jones if he wanted. Of course, it could work the other way, too. I'd hate to be the guy thrown to the floor by East Side's 6-6 Spencer Hughes. A player would have to pick his fights carefully, keeping in mind the potential for retaliation from someone bigger and stronger.

Quickness would still be a key element of the new sport. Lincoln's DeWayne Watson (6-7) could obviously out-muscle Venice's 5-7 LaDon Matthews. But, I'm not sure he could ever catch him. The effort would be an interesting sight of the competition.

Think of it. One person could pick up a technical foul and a technical foul in the same event. A team could fail to defeat and a player could fail to defeat on the same night. And a player could muscle his way to 20 rebounds and five pins against the same team.

It's a sportswriter's dream. I'm not really concerned whether the average fan likes the idea or not. I'm just trying to remedy this problem I have with overlap. And I think it will work.

I've got my bottle in hand. Look out IHSA, here I come.

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•Loss

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The Warriors opened the fourth quarter with a quick 8-2 flurry to take a 51-46 lead with 6:04 to play. That's when Granite gave up the ball on four of five trips down the floor. East Side went on a 10-3 tear, took the lead at 56-54 and hung on for the last 2 1/2 minutes.

Brewer hit one of two free throws at the 2:05 mark to pull Granite City within one, 56-55. East Side's Eddie Johnson then missed two free tosses just 20 seconds later, but the Warriors could not cash in at the other end.

Kendrick Baker hit the front end of a one-and-one with 0:54 left but missed his second. It gave Granite the ball with the Warriors trailing 57-55. But again, GCHS could not score.

Baker again missed the first of a bonus free throw with 0:33 seconds to play. This time the Warriors got the ball into Brewer, who missed a layup with 0:13 on the clock. Eddie Johnson grabbed the rebound and raced downcourt for a power dunk just 0:10 from game's end.

The Warriors were given one last chance when Ray Smith nailed a 23-footer with 0:03 on the clock, pulling the home team within one, 59-58. After a GCHS timeout, East Side beat the Warrior defense long on the inbound play and the final seconds slipped away.

East Side (5-10) was paced as usual by Eddie Johnson, who poured in a game-high 21 points. Spencer Hughes backed him up with 13 points and Seth Kirkpatrick finished with 11.

The Warriors (10-11) put four men in double figures, led by Ray Smith, who hit for 18 points on the night. Dustin Brewer, looking much more like his old self, scored 16 points. Kyle Briggs shot through 10, and Rob Turk tallied a dunk, a 6-3 senior, came off the bench in the second quarter and played the rest of the game. He hit all five of his attempts from the field, added a free throw, and pulled in some big rebounds down the stretch.

•Baker

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hands who can turn a game's momentum with a single steal. He can hit the boards with authority, thread needles with his passes and score from anywhere on the floor.

"I think my shooting is my greatest strength," he said. Collins, while admitting Baker's skill as a shooter, sees his true strength as lying elsewhere.

"He is completely unselfish," Collins said. "He wants to win, but he wants his team to be a part of it. He will give the ball to an open player, sometimes even when he should drive or shoot it himself. We instruct our players to always be prepared for a pass. If they are open, Maurice will find them."

The Trojans, ranked first among small schools in the St. Louis area, have been getting steady play from Baker all season. He had 12 points and six assists against Patoka last Saturday after hitting seven of nine shots for 17 points Feb. 13 against Brooklyn Lovejoy. And Baker is ready for the state tournament.

"I think we can go all the way," he said. "If we keep our heads together and play our

defense, we can go to state. We can win state."

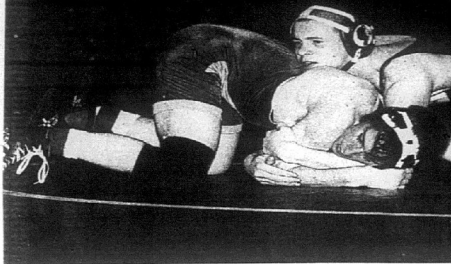
If Madison makes it to state, Baker will be a major reason why. The Trojans' state title teams of 1977 and 1981 featured outstanding guards, from James Heard and Anthony King to Kerwyn Stanley and Patrick Hatter. Where does Baker fit in the mix?

"He's the best guard. Class A or AA, in southern Illinois," said former Madison mentor Larry Graham, coach of the Trojans' two titlists. "I've seen them all. No one can touch Baker."

Collins is quick to agree. "He probably is the best," he said. "He sees the floor well, plays the game well, does everything well. He's a natural, and you can't say that about many kids. You want him on your team."

Baker admits that his teammates look to him as the leader and the go-to man in the clutch. And he is comfortable with that.

"I can do what needs to be done," he said without the slightest hint of conceit or timidity. "I'm confident there's not a player in the state who can stop me at my game."



Granite City's John Kelly (top) wrestles Civic Memorial's J.C. Cox.

•Sectional

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players must all win if we as a team have a chance to win." West advanced with a 37-22 dual meet win over Edwards-ville in the regional finals. The deep south representatives from Mount Carmel have a 17-1 slate in dual meets, losing only to Gibson Southern, Indiana's fifth-ranked squad. They ousted Murphysboro 30-21 to make the team sectional.

Coach Pat Cheesman's major concern is the lack of competition his team has faced. "There aren't a whole lot of schools around here that have quality wrestling programs," he explained. "As a result, we've wrestled eight Indiana schools this season."

Cheesman calls his squad "a team without stars. We just have kids who work hard," he said.

If there is a leader of the pack, it is 112-pound junior Justin Keepes (15-2). But Keepes lost in the individual sectional quarterfinals to Chatham Glenwood's Jerod Bruner, who then was soundly defeated by eventual sectional champ Adam Dunnivant.

"I'm not coming to the sectional under any illusion," said Cheesman. "I know — everyone knows — that Granite City is the team to beat."

The Warriors' stiffest sectional challenge could come from Quincy's 18-1 squad. Quincy, like GCHS, upset a favored team in the regionals, avenging a narrow loss to Chatham Glenwood with an impressive 35-22 victory.

But one of Quincy's four losses came at the hands of Granite City, 55-7 on Jan. 11. Other losses were at the hands of state power Rockford East and defending AA champion Moline.

"Our strongest wrestlers are in the upper weight classes," said Blue Devils coach Rolfe Platt. His assessment held true in the individual sectional.

Sam Smith (37-3) won the 145-pound title with a 6-2 decision over Jonas Janek. Smith body goes out to play golf 9-2 in their regular season meeting. And Mark Hickey (160 pounds), who lost a 9-5 decision to Ike Newman in January, had a 14-2 lead over Highland's Nick Schiebel in the individual sectional quarterfinals only to be pinned at 5:47.

Platt, like the other visiting coaches, also concedes the sectional title to the Warriors.

"I don't think anybody can touch Granite City," he said flatly.

"I wish they'd concede," said Mike Garland. "But they're not going to. We know it and they know it. We can be upset as surely as we upset GM. Nothing is automatic. What we have done earlier in the year means nothing now. It is now a matter of who wants it the most."

"All three teams concern me," he added. "Nobody is going to roll over and play dead. We're a young team. And the thing about a young team is you are never certain who will show up for the meet."

If the squad from the regional shows up, Granite City should capture the school's 35th team sectional title.

The dual team sectional begins at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. Granite City wrestles Belleville West while Quincy takes on Mount Carmel. The two winners meet immediately following the first two matches.

•Acorns

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er said. "It's a two-year process to actually get certified as a sanctuary. We have a lot of wetlands on the property, some of which were here already and some of which we created."

Ebeler envisions The Acorns as a tournament course for businesses and charitable organizations on both sides of the river.

"We'll be the first course in the area to have global positioning satellites on the carts,"

he said. "From anywhere on the course, you'll be able to know the distance from the pin."

"We want to be the best host in the St. Louis area. If someone wants to play golf and gives us four hours of their time, we want to make sure they enjoy themselves."

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SIUE engineering facility may be funded

The long-awaited construction of an engineering building at SIUE may now be an elusive dream much longer.

An agreement between Gov. Jim Edgar and legislative leaders to issue \$60 million in state bonds may end what had become a government stalemate. The state had appropriated funds for the building but wouldn't issue the state bonds the past two years because of partisan gridlock.

University officials still are crossing their fingers that the Illinois House will approve the Capital Improvement Authorization Bonding bill this week. The bill already has won approval from the state Senate.

"We are very pleased, and we hope there is positive action (this week)," said Steven Hanna, associate dean of the SIUE School of Engineering. "This is something we have been working toward and planning for a number of years."

The capital improvements package includes \$21.3 million for the engineering building at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville; \$2.1 million to renovate Cullum Hall at the Illinois School for the Deaf in Jacksonville; and \$635,000 to plan an upgrade of the Jacksonville school's heat-smoke detection system and to replace roofing systems.

Also included in the package is \$1.3 million for electrical improvements and \$1.6 million to rehabilitate bathrooms and replace doors at the Jacksonville Developmental Center; and \$180,000 to renovate two buildings and replace storage buildings at Pere Marquette State Park.

"These programs are necessary maintenance and improvements to public buildings and parks. Delaying these projects any longer would merely raise the costs of construction and care we would need to put into our universities, parks and other public facilities," said Republican state Sen. Frank Watson of Greenville.

After seven years of planning and enduring the ups and downs of getting funding, SIUE officials say they are optimistic about the project finally getting the go-ahead.

The university received \$343,000 from the state in 1990 for design costs of the building.

The 97,000-square-foot building will have three levels, Hanna said. The building will be on the west side of campus near Circle Drive, north of the new Art and Design Building.

Having a separate building "will allow the engineering school to consolidate the faculty and students in one place. It will give us the space we need," he said.

Currently, 750 students are studying electrical, civil, mechanical and industrial engineering — and construction and computer sciences courses — in buildings throughout the campus. The School of Engineering also pays rent to University Park for leased class space.

Although interest in the engineering program is growing, the school has not limited enrollment, Hanna said.

Hanna said that while the designs are reviewed annually, they may need to be revised because of the time that lapsed since architects FCM Inc. of Belleville drew up the plans.

The associate dean said he does not know when construction of the new building might begin, as the project must travel through university and Capital Development Board channels once the House approves the bill.

The project is expected to take two years, Hanna said.

SIUE officials welcomed Thursday's news of the agreement.

"The university is ecstatic. It really is wonderful news. The school is in such cramped

quarters, and enrollment is growing. This will only enhance the program. It's the best news in 2 1/2 years," said SIUE spokesman Sam Smith.

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Bowling for Kids' Sake is slated for early March

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

Put on your bowling shoes and head out to the local bowling alley, all for a good cause. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois is holding its 16th Annual Bowl for Kids' Sake beginning in early March. The fund raiser is the largest in the Metro East, with all proceeds benefiting the organization.

This year officials are hoping to get about 500 teams to participate in the event. So far, about 350 teams have registered, said Julie Cohen, director of development for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois.

"It's moving right along," she said.

Bowl for Kids' Sake raises about 50 percent of the organization's yearly budget, Cohen said. Big Brothers Big Sisters is not publicly funded or supported by the United Way, Cohen said.

This year's event will have several different venues:

— Saturday, March 1 and March 8 — St. Clair Bowl in Fairview Heights will host the event with games being played at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

— Sunday, March 9 — St. Clair Bowl will

be the site of another afternoon game at 1 p.m.

— Friday, March 14 — A Midnight Masquerade Bowl will be held at St. Clair Bowl. The night will include laser light bowling and dancing.

— Sunday, March 2 — Two sessions will be held at the Bowl Haven in Alton at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

— Saturday, March 22 — Two sessions will be held at Montclair Bowl in Edwardsville at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

For more information on how for Kids' Sake, contact Julie Cohen at 398-3182.

Those signing up pledges and participating in the different bowling events will receive a free Domino's Pizza, free bowling shoes, two free games of bowling and door prizes. In addition, several other prizes will be offered this year during the Bowl for Kids' Sake.

Grand prizes will include two round-trip tickets courtesy of Southwest Airlines; 16 deluxe box seat tickets to events at the Kell Center courtesy of St. Clair Auto Mall; and a 46-inch color television courtesy of Emerson Electric.

Movie schedules

Film timetable for Sunday, Feb. 23. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

CARMIKE PETITE
1725 West 157th St., 344-1708
The Empire Strikes Back (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45
Vegas Vacation (PG) 1:15, 3:15, 7:15, 9:15
Star Wars (PG) 1:30, 3:30, 7:30, 9:30
Absolute Power (R) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

COTTONWOOD
EDWARDSVILLE CINEMA
Edwardsville, Ill.
The Dam Cat (PG) 2:30, 4:45, 7:30, 9:30
The Relic (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45
Evita (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00

LINCOLN THEATER
103 E. Main (Belleville), 233-0123
My Fellow Americans (PG-13) 7:15, 9:15
Random (R) 7:30, 9:30
Space Jam (PG) 2:00, 7:10
Mars Attacks (PG-13) 1:30, 9:05

NAMEOKI CINEMA
30 Nameoki Village, 877-6530
O.J. Dalmatians (G) 2:30, 4:30, 7:00
Michael (PG) 2:15, 4:45, 7:30
O'Fallon 15 CINE

1520 Central Park Dr., O'Fallon, Ill., 873-4900
In Love & War (PG-13) 12:10, 2:30, 7:30, 9:45
The Relic (R) 12:05, 2:40, 4:10, 7:10, 9:30
That Darn Cat (PG) 12:05, 2:15, 4:30, 7:30, 9:20
Vegas Vacation (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00
Absolute Power (R) 12:10, 2:40, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45
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Evita (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
The Empire Strikes Back (PG) 12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 8:10
The Empire Strikes Back (PG) 1:30, 4:15, 7:05, 9:55
Mother (PG-13) 12:20, 2:30, 4:45, 7:35, 9:50
Shine (PG-13) 12:20, 2:35, 4:45, 7:35, 9:50
Dante's Peak (PG-13) 12:10, 2:25, 4:40, 6:55
Dante's Peak (PG-13) 2:00, 4:15, 7:30, 9:45

RITZ 2 THEATER
403 E. Main St., Belleville, 233-3326
Space Jam (PG) 2:30, 7:15
Star Trek: First Contact (PG-13) 4:30, 9:30
Random (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:30, 9:50
My Fellow Americans (PG-13) 1:45, 5:00, 8:45, 9:00

ROYAL CANAL THEATER
Roxana, Ill., 254-6746
Beavis & Butt-Head (PG-13) 2:30, 4:45, 7:00

ST. CLAIR 10
50 Ludwig Drive, 388-8383
Rosewood (R) 1:30, 4:55, 7:50
Dangerous Ground (R) 12:20, 2:25, 5:00, 7:15, 9:20
The People vs. Larry Flynt (R) 1:30, 5:05, 8:15
Metro (R) 1:00, 4:05, 7:20, 9:50
Beautiful and The Beast (PG) 12:10, 2:35, 5:15
Michael (PG) 7:45, 10:10
Vegas Vacation (PG) 12:30, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 10:00
The English Patient (R) 1:10, 4:40, 8:30
Scream (R) 12:05, 2:30, 4:55, 7:10, 9:40
Fools Rush In (PG-13) 12:00, 2:10, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
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ALTON CINE
2640 Clair St., 442-1131
Fools Rush In (PG-13) 2:15, 5:00, 7:20
Mother (PG-13) 2:00, 4:45, 7:05

AVALLON
4225 S. Kingshighway, 382-2424
Space Jam (PG) 12:30, 5:00
Random (R) 2:30, 7:00
Star Trek: First Contact (PG-13) 9:30

CHESTERFIELD
888 Chesterfield Mall, 832-0165
Jerry Maguire (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30
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CLARKSON 8 CINE
1788 Clarkson Road, 822-4900
Fools Rush In (PG-13) 1:45, 2:25, 5:05, 7:15, 9:45
Dante's Peak (PG-13) 1:50, 2:30, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Star Wars (PG) 1:45, 2:20, 5:00, 7:45, 10:20
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CRESTWOOD PLAZA 10
248 Crestwood Plaza, 888-8800
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Secrets and Lies (R) 1:40, 5:00, 8:20
The English Patient (R) 1:20, 4:45, 8:15

CREVE COEUR CINE
10978 Old Olive Street Road, 822-4800
Everyone Says I Love You (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30
Shine (PG-13) 1:15, 4:35, 7:45
The English Patient (R) 1:00, 5:05, 8:15

CROSS KEYS CINEMA
101 Cross Keys Shopping Center
Lindbergh & New Harris Ferry, 921-8999
Space Jam (PG) 1:35, 5:00
Random (R) 2:20, 7:00
Star Trek: First Contact (PG-13) 12:30, 4:45
My Fellow Americans (PG-13) 2:45, 7:15
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 9:15

DES PERES 14 CINE
Manchester Road, 427-822-4900
Absolute Power (R) 12:30, 4:00, 7:05, 9:45
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Vegas Vacation (PG) 11:40, 1:50, 4:30, 7:45, 10:00
Dante's Peak (PG-13) 11:30, 2:15, 5:15, 8:15, 10:45
The Empire Strikes Back (PG) 11:30, 1:50, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
Fools Rush In (PG-13) 11:30, 1:55, 4:25, 7:45, 10:15
Dante's Peak (PG-13) 11:45, 2:15, 5:00, 8:30
Mother (PG-13) 12:40, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55

EASTGATE CINE
Eastgate Plaza, 254-5288
Absolute Power (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15
Dante's Peak (PG-13) 2:30, 5:05, 7:30
That Darn Cat (PG) 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:30
Star Wars (PG) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15
The Empire Strikes Back (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
Scream (PG) 2:45, 5:15, 7:45

ESQUIRE CINE
8706 Clayton Road, 781-3300
Vegas Vacation (PG) 12:30, 5:00, 7:30
The Empire Strikes Back (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
The Empire Strikes Back (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
Mother (PG-13) 12:40, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55

EUREKA 8 CINE
99 Hilltop Village Center, 822-4800
Star Wars (PG) 11:40, 2:20, 5:00, 7:45
Absolute Power (R) 1:00, 4:30, 7:15
The Empire Strikes Back (PG) 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:10
That Darn Cat (PG) 12:10, 2:15, 4:30, 7:30
Dante's Peak (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:20
Fools Rush In (PG-13) 1:30, 4:50, 7:25

GALLERIA 6
30 St. Louis Galleria, 721-5722
That Darn Cat (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
Jerry Maguire (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
Evita (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
Fools Rush In (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
Beautiful and The Beast (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
The English Patient (R) Check theater for times

HALLS FERRY 14 CINE
2600 Target Drive, 822-4900
Fools Rush In (PG-13) 12:35, 2:50, 5:20, 7:45, 10:05
Star Wars (PG) 1:15, 4:15, 7:10, 10:00
Vegas Vacation (PG) 12:50, 2:55, 5:10, 7:30, 9:40
The Empire Strikes Back (PG) 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30
Absolute Power (R) 12:45, 4:15, 7:00, 8:45
Dangerous Ground (R) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:20, 9:30
Beautiful and The Beast (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
Beverly Hills Ninja (PG-13) 7:35, 9:40
Rosewood (R) 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05
That Darn Cat (PG) 1:00, 3:00, 5:15, 7:15, 9:15
Scream (R) 1:30, 4:45, 7:35, 9:45
The Relic (R) 1:45, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
Dante's Peak (PG-13) 1:25, 4:40, 7:25, 9:55
Jerry Maguire (R) 12:55, 4:30, 7:30
Metro (R) 1:40, 4:35, 7:35, 10:10

KELLER PLAZA 8 CINE
Lamar Court & Main Avenue, 822-4900
Absolute Power (R) 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15
The Empire Strikes Back (PG) 11:30, 2:05, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00

11:30, 2:05, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
The Empire Strikes Back (PG) 12:15, 3:00, 5:45, 8:45
Scream (R) 1:30, 2:40, 4:55, 7:30, 9:45
Jerry Maguire (R) 1:00, 4:15, 7:10, 10:00
The English Patient (R) 1:30, 5:15, 8:00
Dangerous Ground (R) 12:15, 2:20, 4:50, 7:40, 9:45
That Darn Cat (PG) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

KENRICK 8 CINE
7506 Watson Rd., 822-4900
Star Wars (PG) 11:00, 1:35, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
Fools Rush In (PG-13) 12:00, 2:20, 5:00, 7:50, 10:00
Evita (PG) 1:20, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Vegas Vacation (PG) 11:15, 1:45, 4:25, 7:15
Beautiful and The Beast (PG) 1:10, 4:25

Beverly Hills Ninja (PG-13) 7:15, 9:20
Mother (PG-13) 9:45, 12:20, 9:45
Shine (PG-13) 11:15, 7:40, 10:05
Dante's Peak (PG-13) 11:30, 2:05, 4:50, 7:45, 10:25

KIRKWOOD CINEMA
338 S. Kirkwood Rd., 866-1181
Shine (R) 1:30, 2:10, 4:40, 6:15, 8:20
The English Patient (R) 12:15, 5:25, 8:35
Everyone Says I Love You (PG-13) 8:35

LINDBERGH 8
7545 S. Lindbergh, 487-0017
Star Trek: First Contact (PG-13) 1:35, 4:40, 7:35
Space Jam (G) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00
First Wives Club (PG) 1:10, 3:05, 5:00
Mars Attacks (PG-13) 7:35
My Fellow Americans (PG-13) 1:00, 2:55, 4:55, 7:15
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30
Random (R) 5:45, 7:35, 9:30
Evita (PG) 1:15, 4:35, 7:10
The English Patient (R) 1:15, 4:50, 7:30
Fierce Creatures (PG-13) 1:05, 2:45, 4:45, 7:00

MID RIVERS ALL
1220 Mid Rivers, 278-2779
Beautiful and The Beast (PG) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30
Jerry Maguire (R) 4:10, 7:15
The English Patient (R) 12:15, 2:20, 4:45, 7:00
Vegas Vacation (PG) 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30
Dante's Peak (PG-13) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30
Star Wars (G) 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 7:50
The Empire Strikes Back (PG) 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:40
That Darn Cat (PG) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00

NORTHWEST PLAZA 8
Northwest Plaza, 822-4900
Absolute Power (R) 12:45, 4:30, 7:30, 9:45
The Empire Strikes Back (PG) 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 8:00
The Empire Strikes Back (PG) 12:30, 4:00, 6:40, 9:40
Beautiful and The Beast (PG) 1:00, 4:20
The Relic (PG-13) 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:40
Star Wars (G) 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:25, 10:00
That Darn Cat (PG) 12:00, 2:30, 5:15, 7:50
Rosewood (R) 1:00, 4:15, 7:10, 9:50
Jerry Maguire (R) 1:15, 4:05, 7:15
Scream (R) 4:05, 5:05, 8:05

NORTHWEST SQUARE 10
11159 Old St. Charles Rock Road, 281-0058
Dangerous Ground (R) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
Michael (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
Dante's Peak (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
Vegas Vacation (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
Beverly Hills Ninja (PG-13) 7:35, 9:40
Zeus & Roxanne (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
The English Patient (R) Check theater for times

QUAD CINEMA
Belleville, Ill.
Star Wars (PG) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:10
The Empire Strikes Back (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
That Darn Cat (PG) 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 9:00
Dante's Peak (PG-13) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 9:50

REGENCY SQUARE 8
1089 Regency Square, 848-8000
The English Patient (R) 12:15, 5:25, 8:35
Evita (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
Absolute Power (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
The English Patient (R) 12:15, 5:25, 8:35
Shine (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
The English Patient (R) 12:15, 5:25, 8:35
Scream (R) Check theater for times

RONNIE'S 1 CINE
1000 Ronnie's, 822-4900
Fools Rush In (PG-13) 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
Beautiful and The Beast (PG) 12:15, 3:00, 5:45, 8:45
Vegas Vacation (PG) 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:10, 9:15
Star Wars (PG) 11:15, 1:50, 4:25, 7:00